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1. On 9 February, the Panzer Kaserne (400) [redacted] 1,200 to 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered insignia. Seven T-34/85 tanks, including [redacted] field guns, 3 x 120-mm mortars, 3 three- [redacted] twin-barreled AA machine guns, 3 two-axle armored personnel carriers, 5 tank trucks, 1 tank truck trailer and about 45 to 50 trucks were seen in the barracks area. Prior to 8 February, [redacted] troops who received instruction on tanks and mortars, practiced firing with rifles, machine guns and submachine guns, and engaged in field training, and driving school practice with trucks and motorcycles and during the last days 400 to 500 troops who participated in exercises in the Trampe area. At about 10:30 a.m. on 8 February, 7 T-34/85 tanks, 4 trucks towing 76.2-mm field guns, 4 trucks with field kitchens and about 500 troops carrying full field pack left the installation toward Trampe. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation [redacted]

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2. At about 6 a.m. on 11 February, an exercise with simulated enemy forces was held in the Dannenbergs-Gersdorff area. The exercise involved 8 T-34/85 tanks, 3 armored three-axle personnel carriers mounting machine guns, 4 two-axle armored personnel carriers, 2 half-truck vehicles mounting twin-barreled AA guns, about 30 trucks occupied by troops, and on the side of the defending troops, about 6 to 8 x 76.2-mm field guns and about 15 trucks occupied by troops. [redacted]

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3. At about 5:30 p.m. on 17 February, 7 trucks towing 76.2-mm field guns, 4 trucks towing 120-mm mortars, 4 three-axle armored machine gun carriers and about 35 trucks occupied by 400 to 500 troops were seen leaving the installation. On 20 February, the unit was still in a tent camp in the wooded area south of the Bad-Freienwalde-Dannenbergs road. [redacted]

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4. On 12 February, the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. Between 25 January and 12 February, recruits about [redacted]

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daily received basic training in the barracks yard. Firing was frequently heard from the training area near Rathsdorf. On 6 February, an undetermined number of troops, 1 T-34 tank, 2 armored half-track vehicles mounting twin-barreled AA guns and 4 trucks towing 76.2-mm field guns were seen in a small-scale exercise in the area west of Bad Freienwalde. On 7 February, about 250 recruits marched through Bad Freienwalde, subsequently returning to the installation. On 9 February, 30 apparently factory-new trucks [redacted] entered the installation 25X1 from the direction of the railroad station.

5. On 4 February, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied. [redacted] not observe any training or vehicular traffic. All garages observed were occupied to capacity by motor vehicles. At about 4:45 p.m. on 19 January, a column of 8 T-34/35 tanks, including Nos 19, 22, 24, 26 and about 15 trucks towing 6 x 57-mm AT guns and each occupied by about 15 to 20 troops passed through Dennenberg, coming from the direction of Bad Freienwalde and proceeding toward Gersdorf. At about 5:10 p.m. on 19 February, a column of about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched in the same direction.

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[redacted] Comment. Units of the 16th Gds Macz Regt and/or the 95th (?) Mtrcl Bn of the 6th Gds Macz Div probably participated in exercises in the Trampe area conducted there by units of the division from Eberswalde. See [redacted] 25X1 As was also observed at other posts in East Germany, training in Bad Freienwalde in late January and/or early February, was shifted from the installations to the field, with small-scale exercises being held in the vicinity of the post. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the installation over the preceding report of early February. See [redacted] 25X1

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